

**Idaho State Historical Society  
State Historic Preservation Office  
Quarterly Report  
January through March 2002**

## **NATIONAL REGISTER**

Two more properties were accepted and formally listed in the National Register of Historic Places: the Edwards/Gillette Barn (Washington County) and the American Falls Reservoir Flooded Townsite (Power County).

## **SURVEY AND INVENTORY**

Accessions to the Idaho Historic Sites Inventory (IHSI) during this quarter total 127 properties and represent both intensive- and reconnaissance-level survey activity. Most properties inventoried this quarter came from a pedestrian survey of the Camas Prairie Railroad, which is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The survey accounts for nearly 800 acres of intensive survey.

In addition to accessions made to the IHSI, data entry into the automated database of the 500+ site records associated with an earlier reconnaissance survey of the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL) was accomplished. Data entry of previously accessioned site records continues to be a daily undertaking and is progressing slowly. During this quarter data entry of all site records in Clark County and in Adams County were completed.

Sixteen requests for the *Idaho Historic Sites Inventory Automated Database Manual of Instruction for Data Entry* and the accompanying database template have been processed this quarter. It is expected that an increase in requests from agencies and consultants will occur within the next quarter. Finally, a sizeable backlog of unaccessioned site records remains to be processed over the next several months.

A number of cultural resource reports have been submitted, but the data have not been entered into the databases. Therefore, no figures are available for the number of acres surveyed during this quarter. A total of 191 archaeological sites were added to the state inventory.

Don and Tricia conducted a windshield survey of potential historic buildings in Horseshoe Bend and Notus. It was a quick trip.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

For the current fiscal year, federal funding for State Historic Preservation Offices was cut by \$7 million. For the Idaho SHPO, this translated into a \$120,000 reduction in funds from FY2001. The Administration's budget for FY2003 is proposing another \$5 million cut for the States. This would mean the Idaho SHPO would suffer another reduction of \$100,000. Steve Guerber has met with Idaho Congressmen and their representatives both in Boise and in Washington, D.C., to discuss the effects of these cuts on Idaho's historic properties and communities. Steve was in Washington attending the annual conference of the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers.

## **COVENANTS AND EASEMENTS**

No activity.

## **CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**

Staff met with representatives of the Idaho County HPC in Boise and worked with the Moscow HPC for potential certification. Tricia also attended a meeting in Caldwell to present the Residential National Register nomination.

Staff worked with representatives of 17 communities to finalize CLG grant descriptions and begin bidding process.

## **TAX ACT PROGRAM**

Don received and processed a Part 1 application for the Northrup King Warehouse Annex (Boise) and forwarded it on to NPS. Don also met with the architects for the Gem State Paper Co. building in Twin Falls to discuss their project and review a draft Part 2 application.

## **PLANNING**

The RFP for SHPO's TEA-21 grant, Idaho Historic Bridge Survey, has been released by ITD. Don has been receiving many phone calls showing a great deal of interest in bidding on the project, including several out-of-state contractors.

## **REVIEW AND COMPLIANCE**

Since October 1, 2001, approximately 400 projects have been reviewed and numerous properties evaluated for the National Register through the Section 106 Review process. Kelley Greene is currently entering the data.

Suzi attended more Idaho Power meetings for FERC relicensing of the Hells Canyon Complex.

In March, Suzi and Ken met twice with representatives from the Air Force and the Governor's office to discuss how the Air Force should proceed with Section 106 Review of the Enhanced Training in Idaho range.

Suzi and Ken attended a conference in Worley for the Federal Columbia River Power System (System) with several northwest Tribes, Bonneville Power Administration, Corps of Engineers, and Bureau of Reclamation. Suzi was invited to serve on a panel to present views on the status and future of the agencies and Tribes' historic preservation activities. BPA paid travel expenses.

Enroute to Worley, Suzi and Ken toured two projects on the Clearwater River with the Nez Perce Tribe and the Corps of Engineers. The group also inspected an archaeological site on Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game land that has been looted. The next morning, we met with Fish and Game to discuss measures they are taking to cite perpetrators and discourage future looting. We also discussed Fish and Game projects in the Craig Mountain area.

Ken attended a Lolo Trail Resource Protection Planning meeting in Orofino to discuss Forest proposals for management following last summer's vandalism at the Smoking Place cairns.

Ken and Suzi met with DOE staff to discuss curation issues on the INEEL.

Ken and Steve attended the West Rock Land Board meeting in the Hall of Mirrors and submitted a summary of the Section 106 issues to the Governor.

Mary Anne attended a Lolo Trail Resource Protection Planning meeting in Orofino to discuss Forest proposals for management. Attending were NPS, ISHS on including Keith Petersen, Nez Perce Tribe et al. Doug Gober designated a working group to propose management guidelines for historic trails. Mary Anne is included in this group.

Mary Anne met with Forest personnel from the Payette and Boise National Forests to discuss the upcoming Frank Church River of No Return management plan being revised this spring. She reiterated the need for an assessment of recorded sites and comprehensive survey within the Wilderness that was to be completed in 1990.

Mary Anne met with 7 representatives of Federal Highways-Vancouver and Stan Gough, Eastern Washington, regarding the adverse impact to a prehistoric site on the Council-Cuprum Road project. This is being investigated as an ARPA violation. Mary Anne and participants of this meeting were interviewed by the Boise NF ranger.

Mary Anne, Tricia, and Carol Gleichman of the Advisory Council presented a Section 106 Training Class to 63 members of the Caribou-Targhee NF in Idaho Falls. Expenses for the training were paid by the Forest because they had been bad and broken the law.

Mary Anne is working with the Boise NF to complete consultation and an MOA for the Research Station Complex on Myrtle St, Boise. This is the location of the new U of I and ISU building. The Research Station will be removed.

Don met with representatives of Andrews AFB and the National Guard to discuss the Gowen Field master plan and proposed alterations to various WW2 and Cold War era structures.

Tricia and Don met with representatives from Mountain Home Air Force Base and toured WWII-era airplane hangers, the Cold War Alert Facility and a (very) late Cold War-era computer facilities building at the site. These buildings may come up for Section 106 review in the future.

Tricia traveled to Twin Falls with ITD representatives to review (again) the Poleline Road project. The net result should help expedite the 106 process for this project.

Glenda, Ken, and Suzi met with representatives of the director of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and other key staff in March. Section 106, data sharing, education, and BLM staffing issues were discussed.

## **EDUCATION**

Mary Anne and Mary were extremely busy organizing the Northwest Anthropological Conference (April 10-13). Belinda provided her expertise with editing. Other staff prepared registration packets. Thanks to all.

Idaho Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month – May 2002. Preserving the Spirit of Place. Bulk mailing is completed. Thanks to Mary, RSVP senior volunteer group, Belinda, Don (who's spirit was there even if his body couldn't be), Jake, Garth, Ken, Allie King, and Dana Flatter, Boise NF. We mailed out about 2000 posters this year. Bookmarks were again donated by Idaho Transportation Department. Kathy Robinson, BS printing and graphics produced a stunning poster as usual.

Mary Anne judged multi-media presentations at the District History Day event in Boise. Mary Anne attended an Society EEG meeting.

Tricia gave a slide presentation on “Idaho’s Unique Historic Treasures” to the Legislative History Caucus.

Tricia and Ann testified before the House State Affairs Committee regarding the fate of the Ada County Courthouse.

Ken prepared a poster presentation on Idaho prehistory for the Boy Scouts at Sacred Heart.

Ken and Mary Ann worked with Stan McDonald and Diane Ronayen of BLM to prepare press releases on Idaho archaeology.

## **ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY**

Ken and Mary Anne met with Tom Bicak, Celebration Park, to review road improvements planned within the park boundaries.

Ken and Mary Anne worked with the BLM to prepare publicity for the Jerry Young sentencing. Mr. Young plead guilty and was sentenced March 4 to one felony ARPA count. He will spend 7 months in jail and 7 months home arrest plus pay a fine and forfeit artifacts and vehicle.

Glenda developed a database version of the new Archaeological Survey of Idaho site form in MS Access. It has been sent to a few federal archaeologists and consultants for testing.

## **PERSONNEL**

Ken signed a cooperative agreement with Idaho Transportation Department for up to 1200 hours of support for compliance and review activities. A request for additional outside support for compliance and review has been submitted to the Bonneville Power Administration and is being reviewed.

Garth Fisher, who worked for us a few months last winter, returned to continue the work on the McGraw Creek collection.

Travis Pitkin joined the team working on BLM data sharing projects. He will be adding layers pertaining to National Register districts and historic trails in the Geographic Information System.

## **GIFTS AND DONATIONS**

Trustee Place made another generous donation to assist “during these austere times.”  
Thanks again, Gene!

Mary Anne received donations from the following:

BLM - \$1,500 for Archaeology and Preservation Month

\$1,000 for NWAC

The remaining for Archaeology and Preservation Month:

National Park Service Seattle - \$1,500

Bureau of Reclamation - \$1,000

Idaho Power Company - \$500

Idaho Heritage Trust - \$500

Caribou-Targhee NF - \$500

ITD – 40,000 bookmarks

USDA NRCS - \$500

Bonneville Power Admin. - \$500

Idaho Archaeological Society - \$500

DOE – Idaho - \$500.00

BSU Anthropology Dept. - \$100

Max Pavesic - \$50.00

Priscilla Wegars - \$25

There is also a \$1000 donation from INEEL that we did not publicize at their request.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

CLG workshop in Riggins, April 17 – 19, 2002.

Respectfully submitted by:

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